

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application. Claims 7-25 are pending in the application.

Applicants are hereby submitting, in addition to this paper, (1) corrected oath/declarations; (2) additional figure 3; (3) certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-170758; (4) extension of time for 2 months (including fee authorization); and (5) R.C.E. request (including fee authorization).

It is not believed that any additional fees are due with the preliminary amendment, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501468.

I. Renumbering of Claims

The Examiner has stated that the numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126. Additionally, claim 26 is missing.

Applicants have renumbered the remaining pending claims to comply with 37 CFR 1.126. Applicants have renumbered the claims so that claim 7 is the first presented independent claim. Additionally, by correcting the misnumbering of claim 26, the remaining pending claims are now numbered 7-25. The claims have also been amended to correct various typographical errors and to reflect new claim dependencies. No new matter has been added.

II. Priority Document

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed with this submission.

III. Oath/Declaration

The oath/declaration is enclosed with this submission.

IV. Objection to Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the proposed drawing presented in the previous response because it is not in the form of a pen-and-ink sketch showing changes in red ink or with changes otherwise highlighted.

Applicants respectfully submit that since the proposed drawing was an *additional* figure rather than a *change* in drawings, there was no need to to show changes in red ink or with changes otherwise highlighted. Nevertheless, Applicants have included a revised Figure 3 showing a flowchart of the method claimed in the present application. If the new figure is approved by the Examiner, Applicants will amend the specification. Applicants submit that no new matter is or will be added.

V. Claim Objections – 35 U.S.C. § 132, 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has objected to the amendment filed on January 22, 2003 as introducing new matter into the disclosure. Specifically, the Examiner states that the term “3D polarizer” in previously presented claim 8 (now claim 7) and the term “resist members

are square bodies” in previously presented claim 26 (now claim 25). The Examiner states that the Specification fails to give support for either a 3D polarizer and does not give support for resist members being square bodies.

Applicants have amended the pending claims so that the term “3D polarizer” has been replaced with a “3D image display body for displaying 3D images.” Additionally, Applicants have amended the claims so that the term “polarizing film” is replaced by “phase-difference film.”

Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner’s statement that there is no support in the specification for resist members being square bodies. For example, in the Specification page 5, lines 15-18, there is clear disclosure that the resist members can be arranged as square bodies in a staggered arrangement.

Applicants believe that the claim amendments and the clarifications above resolve all of the Examiner’s concerns.

VI. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,359,664 to Faris (“Faris”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,147,738 to Okamoto (“Okamoto”).

The Examiner states that Faris teaches a display system for visually displaying a polarized spatially multiplexed image of a 3D object having left eye image and right eye image mixed within, for use in stereoscopic viewing. The Examiner admits however that Faris does not explicitly teach including a protective and adhesive layer. The Examiner states that Okamoto in the same field of endeavor teaches a polarizer utilized in a liquid crystal display device wherein the polarizer layer is interposed between a pair of TAC film and is adhered via an adhesive layer to a transparent glass substrate. The Examiner states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the micropolarizer of Faris to make it adhere to a glass substrate via an adhesive layer and be covered with a protective layer for the benefit of easy adoption of the micropolarizer to the display device or display member for stereoscopic viewing and for the benefit of protecting it from foreign dusts therefore enhancing the viewing quality.

Applicants have amended independent claim 7 to recite the invention more clearly.

Claim 7 recites a method for manufacturing a 3D image display body for displaying 3D images comprises laminating a phase difference film onto a transparent support with an adhesive agent interposed; attaching transparent resist members in specified positions onto said phase difference film; immersing a resulting assembly in hot water and drying said assembly; and attaching a protective member to said resist members.

There is no teaching or suggestion in Faris of using a phase difference film on a transparent support. Additionally, there is no teaching in Okamoto of using a phase

difference film onto a transparent support. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, either in view of Faris or Okamoto or any combination thereof.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing remarks are applicable to independent claim 21. Claims 8-20 and 22-25 depend on independent claims 7 and 21, and are therefore also allowable over the cited references.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal and reconsideration of the claim rejections in light of the preceding amendment and remarks. Applicants respectfully request early notice of allowance for all of the pending claims.

VII. Provisional Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for statutory double patenting as claiming the same invention as that of claims 10-12 in copending application serial no. 09/874,415.

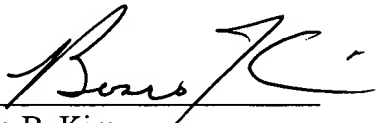
The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 11-12, 14-15, and 17-26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 13, 15, 17-26 of copending application serial no. 09/874,415.

Applicants are prepared to file a Terminal Disclaimer upon allowance of the pending claims.

III. Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants believes that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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